COLOR GUARDS

(0503)

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1 Terminology and definitions of the color guard, its equipment, the U. S. Flag and organizational color.

2 Flag protocol.

3 The movements of the color guard.

4 Indoor ceremonies.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

5 Care and cleaning of the flag.

6 Most common discrepancies found during inspections of color guards.

7 Hoisting and lowering the National Ensign.

THE U. S. AND ORGANIZATIONAL FLAGS TERMS, COMPONENTS AND DEFINITIONS.

When flown aboard ships or craft of the US Navy or from a flagstaff at commands ashore the proper terms are; National/US Flag, National Ensign or Ensign.

When mounted on a staff or pike and carried by foot troops, displayed or cased in a fixed location the term is National Color. The unit flag is the Organizational Color.

THE U. S. AND ORGANIZATIONAL FLAGS TERMS, COMPONENTS AND DEFINITIONS (cont)

When mounted on a vehicle the terms are National and Organizational Standard.

There are three types of Unit Color.

- **Type III, Class 1, is the Command Battle Standard or Organizational Standard, USMC.**
- **Type III, Class 2, is the Organizational Standard.**
- **Type III, Class 3, is the Organizational Standard, USMCR.**

THE U. S. AND ORGANIZATIONAL FLAGS TERMS, COMPONENTS AND DEFINITIONS (cont)

The use of gold fringe on the National color is prohibited.

A Red, White and Blue rope and tassel is affixed to the National Color

A Scarlet and Gold rope and tassel is affixed to the Unit Color UNLESS STREAMERS ARE AUTHORIZED.

THE U. S. AND ORGANIZATIONAL FLAGS TERMS, COMPONENTS AND DEFINITIONS (cont)

There are 3 types of Unit guidons; FMF, Non-FMF and Reserve. There is no fringe on the unit guidon.

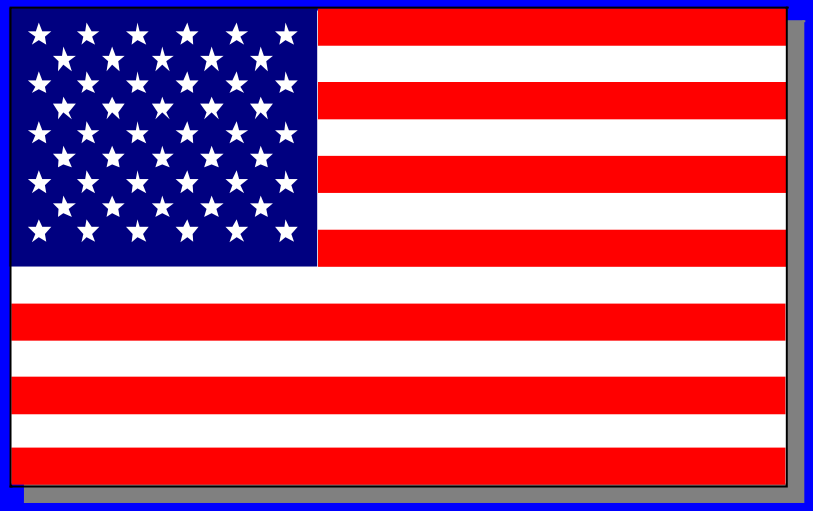
Parade pennants "USMC".

The 9'6" Staff is used for the National and Organizational Color.

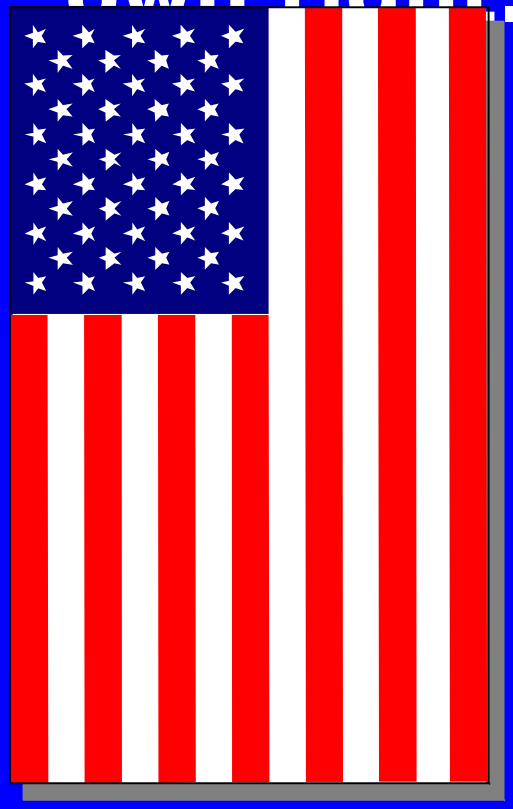
The 8' Staff is used for guidons and pennants.

Internment Flags.

The U. S. Flag is displayed at all commands ashore, aboard naval vessels, at post offices, schools and other places designated by public law.



The flag is displayed flat and should never be used as a decoration. When displayed behind a rostrum the union is up and on its own right.



Display of the U. S. Flag (cont)

When displayed in a public auditorium the flag is in advance of the audience and position of honor.

When flown with flags of other nations the US Flag is in the place of honor.

Only the church pennant may be placed above the US Flag.
"only during church service"

Display of the U. S. Flag (cont)

The US Flag is at the center and highest point when displayed "crossed fashion" with other flags.

The Flag is vertical and the Union is to the north on an east west street

The Flag is vertical and the Union is to the east on a north south street.

Display of the U. S. Flag (cont)

When displayed from a pole or staff affixed to a building the union is outboard and up.

The National Flag, except for certain conditions at sea, never renders a salute.

Disposing of the Flag

The US Flag is disposed of by burning or burial when:

- **It is soiled or torn beyond repair of cleaning.**
- **To keep it from falling into enemy hands.**

Individuals Rendering Honors to the Flag

*When in uniform.
*When in civilian attire.
*During morning and evening colors.
*When passing or being passed, (cased or uncased).
*When in formation.
*Small flags?
*Flags affixed to buildings or flown from a flagstaff? Except for what...?
*Folded flags?

Salutes by the Organizational Color

The National Anthem
To The Color
Retreat
Hail to the Chief
Memorial Taps
When rendering Honors to the Organizational Commander or officials of higher grade.